

**THE
ABRAHAM LINCOLN
AND
JOHN F KENNEDY
COINCIDENCES**

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Introduction

The *Table of Coincidences*, below, is based on the *Lincoln/Kennedy List of Coincidences*, which is a piece of American folklore of unknown origin.

The original list of coincidences appeared in the mainstream American press in 1964, in the wake of the 1963 Kennedy Assassination. However, the list had appeared, prior to that, in the *G.O.P. Congressional Committee Newsletter*. (*A Compendium of Curious Coincidences*, *TIME*, August 21, 1964; *Newsweek*, August 10, 1964)

The following material is based on the original list, and additional material has been added where appropriate.

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General Overview

The following section is a brief overview of the persons cited, and does consider any coincidences at this time.



Abraham Lincoln (Sunday, 12 February 1809 - Saturday, 5 April 1865)
Born in Sinking Spring Farm, Southeast Hardin County, Kentucky
Religion: None (he joined and was a member of no church) - However his parents were Baptists
16th President of the United States - 1861 to 1865
(56 Years old at death)

Spouse:

Mary Ann Todd Lincoln (Sunday, 13 December 1818 - Sunday, 16 July 1882)
Born in Lexington, Kentucky
Married on Friday, 4 November 1842, at the home of Mrs. Edwards in Springfield, Illinois
First Lady of the United States from 1861 to 1865



Children (all were born in Springfield Illinois):

- Robert Todd Lincoln (1843-1926) - lawyer, diplomat, businessman
- Edward Baker Lincoln, known as "Eddie" (1846-1850)
- William Wallace Lincoln known, as "Willie" (1850-1862)
- Thomas Lincoln, known as "Tad" (1853-1871)

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John Fitzgerald "Jack" Kennedy (Tuesday, 29 May 1917 - Friday, 22 November 1963)
Born in Brookline, Massachusetts
Religion: Roman Catholic
Often referred to by his initials "JFK"
35th President of the United States - 1961 to 1963
(46 Years old at death)

Spouse:

Jacqueline Lee Bouvier Kennedy (Sunday, 28 July 1929 - Thursday, 19 May 1994)
Born In Southampton, New York
Married on Saturday, 12 September 1953, in St. Mary's Church, Newport, Rhode Island
First Lady of the United States from 1961 to 1963



Children:

- Arabella Kennedy (23 August 1956 - 23 August 1956) - Stillborn daughter
- Caroline Bouvier Kennedy (27 November 1957 -) - last surviving child of Jacqueline and John F Kennedy
- John Fitzgerald Kennedy Jr (25 November 1960 - 16 July 1999) - Killed in the plane he was piloting
- Patrick Bouvier Kennedy (7 August, 1963 - 9 August 1963)

In 1968, Jacqueline married the wealthy Greek businessman, Aristotle Onassis, 23 years her senior, who died in March 1975. From 1978 until her death in 1994, Jacqueline worked in New York City as an editor for Doubleday. She was 64 years old when she died

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Andrew Johnson (Thursday, 29 December 1808 - Saturday, 31 July 1875)
Born in Raleigh, North Carolina
17th President of the United States - 1865 to 1869

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Lyndon Baines Johnson (Thursday, 27 August 1908 - Monday, 22 January 1973)
Born in central Texas, near Stonewall and not far from Johnson City
Often referred to as "Lyndon B Johnson", or by his initials "LBJ"
36th President of the United States - 1963 to 1969



Question:

Were Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson related by family? No

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Marilyn Monroe (1 June 1926 - 5 August 1962)
Died at age 36
Born "Norma Jeane Mortenson", but was baptized "Norma Jeane Baker"
Born in Los Angeles, in the Los Angeles County Hospital

In 1946, Norma changed her name to "Marilyn Monroe" ("Marilyn", because she reminded Ben Lyon (a 20th Century Fox executive) of the actress, Marilyn Miller; and "Monroe" - her grandmother's name)

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John Wilkes Booth (Thursday, 10 May 1838 - Wednesday, 26 April 1865)
Born on a farm near Bel Air in Harford County, Maryland
Booth was finally shot and killed, during efforts to capture him when he was cornered in a Virginia barn house, by a trooper



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Lee Harvey Oswald (Wednesday, 18 October 1939 - Sunday, 24 November 1963)
Born in New Orleans, Louisiana

Before Oswald could be brought to trial, while being transferred under police custody from the Dallas Police Headquarters to the Dallas County Jail, he was shot and killed by Jack Ruby - this was two days after the assassination of JFK

At 11:21 am, on Sunday, 24 November 1963, while he was handcuffed to Detective Leavelle, and as he was to be taken to the Dallas County Jail, Oswald was shot and fatally wounded by Jack Ruby in the basement of Dallas Police Headquarters.

The whole incident was captured on live television



After the shooting, the unconscious Oswald was taken by ambulance to the Parkland Memorial Hospital (the same hospital where Kennedy was taken, and had died two days previously).

Doctors operated on Oswald, but the single bullet had severed major abdominal blood vessels, and the doctors were unable to repair the massive trauma.

At 48 hours and 7 minutes after Kennedy's death, Oswald was pronounced dead at 1:07 pm, Sunday, 24 November 1963

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Jack Leon Ruby (Saturday, 25 March 1911 - Tuesday, 3 January 1967)

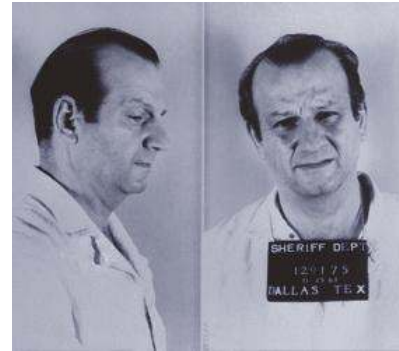
Born Jacob Rubenstein

Born in Chicago, Illinois

In 1947, Rubenstein legally changed his name to **Jack Leon Ruby**

Ruby was also known as "Sparky," from his boxing nickname "Sparkling Ruby"

On Saturday, 14 March 1964, Jack Ruby was convicted, and sentenced to death, for the murder, on Sunday, 24 November 1963, of Lee Harvey Oswald - this was two days after Oswald's arrest for the assassination of JFK





On Friday, 9 December 1966, Ruby was admitted to Parkland Hospital in Dallas, suffering from pneumonia. The following day, doctors found that he had cancer in his liver, lungs, and brain.

On Tuesday, 3 January 1967, Ruby died of a pulmonary embolism, secondary to bronchiolar lung cancer, at Parkland Hospital, where Lee Harvey Oswald had died, and JFK had been pronounced dead after his assassination.

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Table of Coincidences

The following table enumerates the various coincidences claimed between Abraham Lincoln and John F Kennedy - comments have been added as required:

Abraham Lincoln	John F Kennedy
The name: "Abraham Lincoln"	The name: "John F Kennedy"
Contains 5 syllables	Contains 5 syllables
16th President of the United States (1861 to 1865) (56 Years old at death)	35th President of the United States (1961 to 1963) (46 Years old at death)
	
The name "Lincoln" has 7 letters	The name "Kennedy" has 7 letters
1846 - Elected to Congress	1946 - Elected to Congress
1856 - Runner-up for the party's nomination for vice-president	1956 - Runner-up for the party's nomination for vice-president
1860 - Elected President	1960 - Elected President
Concerned with Civil Rights Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862, which became law in 1863	Concerned with Civil Rights In 1963, Kennedy presented his reports to Congress on Civil Rights, and the same year was the famous March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom
Wife lost a child while living in the White House William Wallace Lincoln known as "Willie" (1850-1862)	Wife lost a child while living in the White House Patrick Bouvier Kennedy (7 August 1963 - 9 August 1963)
Shot on Friday 14 April, 1865 Died next day, on Saturday 15 April, 1865	Shot on Friday 22 November 1963 Died same day
Shot in the presence of his wife	Shot in the presence of his wife

Abraham Lincoln	John F Kennedy
Shot in the head An army surgeon, Doctor Charles Leale, initially assessed Lincoln's wound as mortal. The President was taken across the street from the theater to the Petersen House, where he lay in a coma for nine hours before dying	Shot in the head Shot once in the back, once in the neck, and was killed with a final shot to the head. He was pronounced dead at 1:00 pm
Lincoln had a secretary named "Kennedy" This is completely unsubstantiated (Lincoln's White House secretaries were John G Nicolay and John Hay)	Kennedy had a secretary named "Lincoln" (Evelyn Lincoln) (Evelyn Lincoln's husband Harold's nickname was "Abe")
Lincoln's secretary warned him not to go to the theatre This is pure speculation and is completely unsubstantiated	Kennedy's secretary warned him not to go to Dallas This is pure speculation and is completely unsubstantiated
Assassinated by a Southerner: John Wilkes Booth His full name has 15 letters	Assassinated by a Southerner: Lee Harvey Oswald His full name has 15 letters
Succeeded by a Southerner named "Johnson" Andrew Johnson (13 letters) Born 1808 There are 6 letters in Johnson's first name, "Andrew"	Succeeded by a Southerner named "Johnson" Lyndon Johnson (13 letters) Born 1908 There are 6 letters in Johnson's first name "Lyndon"
1839 - John Wilkes Booth born Not true - John Wilkes Booth was born in <u>1838</u>, not 1839	1939 - Lee Harvey Oswald born
John Wilkes Booth is known by his three names "John Wilkes Booth" has 15 letters	Lee Harvey Oswald is known by his three names "Lee Harvey Oswald" has 15 letters
Lincoln was shot at the theatre named "Ford"	Kennedy was shot in a car called "Lincoln", made by "Ford"
Lincoln was shot in a theatre, and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse Tenuous at best A twelve-day manhunt ensued, in which Booth was chased by Federal agents. He was eventually cornered in a Virginia barn house and shot by a trooper; consequently dying of his wounds soon after.	Kennedy was shot from a warehouse, and his assassin ran and hid in a theatre

Abraham Lincoln	John F Kennedy
<p>Booth was assassinated before his trial</p> <p>Not true - John Wilkes Booth was shot by a trooper during efforts to capture him - hardly an "assassination"</p>	<p>Oswald was assassinated before his trial</p> <p>Assumption - It has never been proved that Oswald was "assassinated"</p>
<p>A week before Lincoln's assassination on Friday, 4 April 1865, he was in Monroe, Maryland</p> <p>Not true - there is no such city as "Monroe, Maryland"</p>	<p>A week before Kennedy's assassination on Friday, 22 November 1963, he was with Marilyn Monroe</p> <p>Not true - Marilyn Monroe had died over a year previously</p> <p>Marilyn Monroe (1 June 1926 - 5 August 1962) Died at age 36</p>
<p>Married a woman, 24 years old, who could speak French</p> <p>Not true - Mary Ann Todd was 23, she only turned 24 just over a month later, on 13 December 1842</p> <p>After a hesitant two-year courtship, Abraham Lincoln, age 33, married Mary Ann Todd, age 23, on Friday, 4 November 1842, at the home of Mrs. Edwards in Springfield, Illinois.</p> <p>Mary Ann Todd learned to speak French with a flawless Parisian accent</p>	<p>Married a women, 24 years old, who could speak French</p> <p>JFK was married on Saturday, 12 September 1953, in St. Mary's Church, Newport, Rhode Island</p> <p>John F Kennedy was 36</p> <p>Jacqueline Lee Bouvier was 24</p> <p>Jacqueline Lee Bouvier could fluently communicate in French</p>

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Numerology

Numerology Analysis			
Abraham Lincoln (1809 - 1865) President: 1861 - 1865		John F Kennedy (1917 - 1963) President: 1961 - 1963	
Birth No (12/02/1809)	- 5	Birth No (29/05/1917)	- 7
Abraham	- 8	John	- 2
Lincoln	- 7	F	- 6
Abraham Lincoln	- 6	Fitzgerald	- 9
1809	- 9	Kennedy	- 6
1861	- 7	John Kennedy -	- 8
1865	- 2	John F Kennedy	- 5
		John Fitzgerald Kennedy	- 8
		1917	- 9
		1961	- 8
		1963	- 1
John Wilkes Booth (1838 - 1865)		Lee Harvey Oswald (1939 - 1963)	
Birth No (10/05/1838)	- 8	Birth No (18/10/1939)	- 5
John	- 2	Lee	- 4
Wilkes	- 7	Harvey	- 7
Booth	- 6	Oswald	- 2
John Booth	- 8	Lee Oswald	- 6
John Wilkes Booth	- 6	Lee Harvey Oswald	- 4
1838	- 2	1939	- 4
1865	- 2	1963	- 1
		Jack Leon Ruby (Jacob Rubenstein) (1911 - 1967)	
		Birth No (25/03/1911)	- 4
		Jack	- 7
		Leon	- 1
		Ruby	- 3
		Jack Ruby	- 1
		Jack Leon Ruby	- 2
		Jacob	- 4
		Rubenstein	- 1
		Jacob Rubenstein	- 5
		1911	- 3
		1967	- 5

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Conclusion

Random coincidence... or something more significant? It's now up to you to decide...

Debunking

Martin Gardner debunked much of the list in an article in Scientific American, later reprinted in his book, *The Magic Numbers of Dr. Matrix*. (*The Magic Numbers of Dr. Matrix* By Martin Gardner. 1985. Prometheus Books. Library of Congress Catalog Card No. 84-43183, ISBN 0-87975-281-5 (cloth), 0-87975-282-3 (paper) (This was previously titled *The Numerology of Dr. Matrix*. It contains all of *The Incredible Dr. Matrix* plus four more chapters)

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